



Americans Honored for Thwarting Train Attack

Anthony Sadler, a senior at Sacramento University in California, left, U.S. National Guardsman from Roseburg, Oregon, Alek Skarlatos, right, and U.S. Airman Spencer Stone, second from left, pose for photographers with Jane D. Hartley, U.S. Ambassador to France, before a press conference held at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Paris, France, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015. Sadler, Skarlatos and Stone helped foil a potentially deadly attack when they subdued a man armed with an assault rifle and other weapons on board a high-speed train bound for Paris two days ago. The man was known to intelligence services in three countries and had ties to radical Islam, authorities said Sunday.

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Three American travelers say they relied on gut instinct and a close bond forged over years of friendship as they took down a heavily armed man on a passenger train speeding through Belgium. U.S. Airman Spencer Stone, recounting for the first time on Sunday how a likely catastrophe was averted two days earlier, said the gunman, an assault rifle strapped to his bare chest, seemed like he was "ready to fight to the end." But he added, "So were we."

Without a note of bravado but a huge dose of humility, the three described Friday's drama on an Amsterdam-to-Paris fast train.

His arm in a sling, Stone, 23, said he was coming out of a deep sleep when the gunman appeared.

One of his friends, Alek Skarlatos, a 22-year-old National Guardsman recently back from Afghanistan, "just hit me on the shoulder and said 'Let's go.'"

French President Francois Hollande and a bevy of officials are presenting the Americans with the prestigious Legion of Honor on Monday.

A French citizen who first came across the gunman near a train bathroom and a British man who joined to help tie up the assailant also are being honored with the award, according to the president's office.

The gunman, identified as 26-year-old Moroccan Ayoub El-Khazzani, is detained and being questioned by French counterterrorism police outside Paris. French and Spanish authorities say El-Khazzani is an Islamic extremist who may have spent time in Syria. El-Khazzani's lawyer said on Sunday that he was homeless and trying to rob passengers on the train to feed himself.

Authorities in France, Belgium and Spain, where he once lived, are investigating the case.

French authorities can le-

gally hold him for questioning until Tuesday, when they must charge him or free him.

His case raises questions about train security as well as how a man who had been on the radar of all three countries managed to board the train unbothered and loaded with weapons.

Skarlatos said El-Khazzani "clearly had no firearms training whatsoever," but if he "even just got lucky and did the right thing he would have been able to operate through all eight of those magazines and we would've all been in trouble, and probably wouldn't be here today, along with a lot of other people."

Armed with an arsenal of weapons and apparently determined, he presented a formidable challenge to the vacationing friends who snapped into action out of what Skarlatos said was "gut instinct."

His and Stone's military training "mostly kicked in after the assailant was already subdued," he said, noting the medical care Stone provided and checking cars for weapons elsewhere.

"We just kind of acted. There wasn't much thinking going on," he said, at least on my end." Stone replied with a chuckle, "None at all."

Stone and Skarlatos moved in to tackle the gunman and take his gun. The third young man, Anthony Sadler, 23, moved in to help subdue the assailant.

"All three of us started punching" him, Stone said. Stone said he choked him unconscious. A British businessman then joined in the fray.

Stone, of Carmichael, California, spoke at a live news conference at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Paris along with Sadler, a senior at Sacramento State University in California, and Skarlatos, of Roseburg, Oregon.

Stone is also credited with saving a French-American teacher wounded in the

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neck with a gunshot wound and squirting blood. Stone described matter-

of-factly that he "just stuck two of my fingers in his hole and found what I thought

to be the artery, pushed down and the bleeding stopped."□

Reid says he's going to support Obama's Iran nuclear deal

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leader

Harry Reid on Sunday threw his full support behind President Barack Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran,

saying "it is the best path to stop Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon." "I strongly support the his-

try to become a nuclear-armed state. Supporters of the deal warn that if it is rejected the alternative

will provide an opportunity for others to jump on board. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi already has said



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Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada speaks during an interview in Washington. Reid says he's throwing his full support behind President Barack Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran. In a message on his Twitter account, the Nevada senator said Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, he strongly supports "the historic agreement with Iran and will do everything in my power to ensure that it stands." Reid was wearing special glasses as part of his recovery from injuries suffered in a violent exercise accident in January.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

toric agreement and will do everything in my power to ensure that it stands," said Reid in a news release. Reid is the 27th Senate Democrat to back the deal and the highest ranking in the Senate. His support will make it difficult for opponents to muster the veto-proof numbers needed in the Senate, and therefore, in Congress to scuttle the agreement.

Republicans and the Israeli government furiously oppose the deal signed by the U.S., Iran and five world powers, which seeks to keep Iran from building a nuclear bomb in exchange for billions in international sanctions relief. They say Obama's agreement makes too many concessions to Iran and could actually enable that coun-

could be a costly war with Iran.

But it is looking less and less likely that opponents can garner sufficient support. Congress plans a vote next month on a resolution disapproving of the deal, which Obama has threatened to veto. Opponents would then need two-thirds majorities in the House and the Senate to override the veto.

In the Senate, only two Democrats — Schumer and Robert Menendez of New Jersey — have announced opposition to the deal. With the addition of Reid's support, Democrats are getting closer to the 34 votes needed in the Senate to sustain the veto.

A steady stream of Democrats have backed the deal, and Reid's support

House Democratic supporters have the votes necessary to sustain Obama's veto despite unanimous Republican opposition.

The White House had no immediate comment. Reid said he believes that the deal was the best that could be achieved.

"First, this is a good agreement on the merits, imposing the toughest inspections and verification regime in history, and a diplomatic solution is certainly less costly in American blood and treasure than any possible military option," Reid said. "Second, if the Senate rejects this agreement, the international community will not support an attempt to secure another and they will not support the sanctions regime. Those are hard facts." □

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Obama sheds summer curse, just in time for fall



President Barack Obama tees off while golfing at Farm Neck Golf Club, in Oak Bluffs, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

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AP White House Correspondent

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — President Barack Obama may have finally shed his summer curse — just in time for a daunting fall.

After a string of sunny seasons gripped by controversy, crises and plummeting popularity, the summer of 2015 has been among the most productive stretches of Obama's presidency. Late June victories in the U.S. Supreme Court on health care and gay marriage, along with a win for his trade agenda on Capitol Hill, were followed by the landmark Iran nuclear deal in July and the raising of the U.S. flag over a new embassy in Cuba in August. Instead of being overshadowed by the 2016 presidential campaign, Obama's agenda has often been driving the debate among the candidates running to replace him.

And yet to the president, one of his summer's biggest successes may simply be making it through his annual vacation on the tony Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard largely uninterrupted. While his summer troubles have often trailed him on previous vacations, he's poised to close out this year's trip

Sunday without any statements to the press or public appearances, beyond a few glimpses of him on the golf course and biking with his family.

The president has absolutely appreciated the opportunity to take these two weeks outside of the hustle and bustle of Washington and spend some time with family and friends," White House spokesman Eric Schultz said. "Once we return to Washington, our agenda is packed, so the president is grateful for some rest and relaxation in advance of what will be a very busy fall."

Indeed, the president returns to Washington with a full schedule and confrontations with Congress that will help determine whether his summer momentum is sustained or sputters.

Atop the president's priorities is preventing Congress from blocking the Iran deal, which curbs Tehran's nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in sanctions relief. Obama will likely have to veto a resolution of disapproval by lawmakers, blemishing his signature foreign policy initiative, but he appears on track to garner enough support from Democrats to hold off Republican override efforts.

Seeking to bolster his legacy abroad, Obama will also be pushing for a global climate treaty and finalization of a free trade agreement with Asia-Pacific nations. His string of summer successes began with Congress agreeing to a fast-track approval process for the trade pact when negotiations are complete.

Summer has previously been Obama's cruelest season: the hostile health care town halls in 2009, the debt ceiling crisis in 2011, the president's waffling on Syria's chemical weapons use in 2013. Last summer was consumed by the swift rise of the Islamic State group and its gruesome beheading of Americans, as well as tensions in Ferguson, Missouri, after a white

police officer fatally shot an 18-year-old black man. Free this year from an all-consuming crisis, the president spent most of the two-week summer vacation on the golf course, at the beach and dining out with his family. He also attended a party on the island thrown by Democratic power broker Vernon Jordan, who also hosted an even last year where Obama was spotted on the dance floor. But there were no images of Obama dancing this year. Perhaps in a sign that even a president riding high in his second term has a short shelf life, the band instead posted a video of a dancing Hillary Rodham Clinton, the top contender to be the next Democratic president. □

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Less smoke could mean more fire in Washington state



Renda Grim writes a message to firefighters at the fence of her Twisp, Wash., home. Grim was a friend of local firefighter Tom Zbyszewski who died along with two other firefighters when wildfire flames consumed their crashed vehicle.

(Joshua Trujillo/seattlepi.com via AP)

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Associated Press

OKANOGAN, Washington (AP) — The massive cloud of smoke began to lift over the wildfires in Washington state on Sunday. But as air quality improves, the fire's behavior could become more erratic and intense, fire officials said.

"It's like a flue opening in a fireplace," explained Suzanne Flory, spokeswoman

for the U.S. Forest Service and the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team. "Smoke serves as a cap on the fire."

The Okanogan Complex of wildfires was measured at 374 square miles (969 square kilometers) Sunday morning, after growing more than 100 square miles (260 square kilometers) larger Saturday in what fire officials said was a relatively calm fire day.

Sunday was expected to be a different story. Once the smoke lifts, humidity drops, heat rises and fires flare up.

Flory said they would not know until Sunday night or early Monday how much the fire had grown on Sunday, but as of late afternoon, fire activity had been relatively quiet. Visibility and air quality improved Sunday.

The complex of fires was

estimated to be about 10 percent contained as of Sunday morning, according to fire spokesman Dan Omdal.

Some of the land within the fire lines is still burning, but other sections have burned out.

"We call it a wildfire, but much of the fire has been tamed," Omdal said. "We are making progress."

The good news for Sunday is that less smoke means restrictions on air travel will be lifted and more fire tankers can drop water and chemical retardant, Flory said.

Air quality, which has been dangerously bad, will also improve when the smoke cloud lifts, but firefighters won't be able to take a breather.

Meanwhile, local officials have downgraded some evacuation notices, allowing some people to return to their homes. Thousands remain under evacuation notices.

Sarah Miller, a spokeswoman with Okanogan County Emergency Management, says residents have been warned to stay ready to leave at any time and to not drive around looking at the fires.

Steve Surgeon, a mechan-

ic and scrap metal seller who lives on the outskirts of Okanogan, said he was just happy to be alive.

He stayed in place as the fire raced over a ridge and barreled down toward his home, flames lapping just feet from his back porch.

"I'm alive," he said with a sigh Sunday. "I shouldn't be, but I am and that's what matters."

Heaps of twisted and charred metal litter his land where the fire burned through. Surgeon estimates he lost more than \$100,000 worth of property, including his shop, his motorcycle, several cars, a travel trailer and all of his tools.

Three firefighters injured Wednesday in a fire near Twisp, Washington, are recuperating at home after being released from the hospital, according to the Washington Department of Natural Resources. A fourth injured firefighter is being treated at a hospital in Seattle.

Three other firefighters were killed in the fire.

Meanwhile, a new firefighting mobilization center is being set up at Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane to help fight wildfires in Washington state. □

Farmers' Almanac predicts another nasty winter for Northeast

DAVID SHARP

Associated

Press

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — It's

not what Bostonians want to hear: The Farmer's Almanac is predicting another rough winter for the U.S. Northeast. A year after Boston was pummeled with the snowiest winter on record, editors of the Maine-based publication have dubbed their latest forecast a "winter déjà vu," hearkening to last winter's misery across the Northeast.

Using a formula built on sunspots, moon phases and tidal action, the 199-year-old almanac that hits newsstands this week predicts cold and snowy weather from Maine to Montana.

"Say it isn't snow!" quipped Editor Peter Geiger.

The editors aren't afraid to go out on a limb. Among their long-term projections in the 2016 edition: Fabulous weather from coast to coast for Election Day in early November, some-

thing that could boost the presidential election turnout, Geiger said.

Also, the unseasonably cold temperatures are supposed to dip down as far as Kentucky this winter, the almanac says. Editors predict milder weather out West, and chilly and wet weather for the South.

The publication, not to be confused with the New Hampshire-based Old Farmer's Almanac, uses a prediction method largely

unchanged since the first almanac was published in 1818. Modern scientists consider such methodology to be tomfoolery. But long-term forecasts can be vexing even for conventional scientists.

Mike Halpert, deputy director of the Climate Prediction Center, likened long-term forecasts to finding a "small signal embedded in a lot of noise." The center's forecast for the past mild winter was largely cor-

rect, except for frozen New England. The "polar vortex" provided another surprise for the federal forecasters during the previous winter. Last winter, the almanac's prediction of "shivery and shovelry" came true in the northeastern New England states, where Boston recorded more than 100 inches (250 centimeters) of snow — nearly 65 inches (165 centimeters) in February alone — and set a new snowfall record. □



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Jimmy Carter's cancer fight puts new meaning in old message

KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

PLAINS, Georgia (AP) — The Sunday school lesson was familiar: When your burden grows heavy, ask God for strength. But the message carried a more powerful and personal meaning than usual because of who delivered it: Jimmy Carter. The 90-year-old former president taught Sunday school in his hometown for the first time since he disclosed on Thursday that his cancer had spread to his brain.

With easygoing humor and his usual toothy smile, Carter gave two back-to-back Bible lessons to unusually large crowds totaling more than 700 people — some of whom had traveled hundreds of miles — just three days after undergoing radiation treatment.

He spent less than five minutes recapping his illness before saying, "That's enough of that subject" and beginning the lesson on faith, love and relationships.

Carter said he and his wife of 69 years, Rosalynn, resolved never go to sleep without settling their differences.

"Just being able to admit you MIGHT be mistaken and that the other person MIGHT be right" will improve a relationship, he said, prompting laughter from the crowd at Maranatha Baptist Church.

He encouraged his listeners to consider God a partner in their lives.

"Any time, we can just bow our heads and say, 'God, I'm really troubled. I ask you to give me the strength to bear whatever is on my shoulders and to bear whatever comes to me,'" Carter said.

The former peanut farmer



Former President Jimmy Carter teaches Sunday School class at Maranatha Baptist Church in his hometown Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, in Plains, Ga. The 90-year-old Carter gave one lesson to about 300 people filling the small Baptist church that he and his wife, Rosalynn, attend. It was Carter's first lesson since detailing the intravenous drug doses and radiation treatment planned to treat melanoma found in his brain after surgery to remove a tumor from his liver.

(AP Photo/David Goldman)

and Georgia governor has been teaching Sunday school for more than three decades at his small red-

brick church, which has about 40 regular members. His appearance this time drew the biggest crowd

members could recall, with about 460 people packed inside.

The turnout was so big that

Carter gave a second lesson at the nearby high school for about 250 people, and about 70 others had to be turned away.

People seated underneath the stained-glass windows nodded when church member Jan Williams described those who managed to get a seat as "blessed."

Carter entered and exited without fanfare, wearing a gray suit. He paced across the front of the sanctuary as he spoke and occasionally returned to a podium to read aloud while wearing a pair of thin wire glasses. His wife sat nearby.

Cricket Keating said Carter's "irrepressible joy" made the trip from her home in Columbus, Ohio, worthwhile. She and a friend arrived in Plains at midnight to be first in line and spent the night in sleeping bags. She said she felt humbled by Carter's message.

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Police clash with protesters in Beirut for second day

BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanese riot police fired tear gas and water cannons for the second consecutive day in downtown Beirut Sunday as they battled protesters with batons and stones — a marked escalation of mass demonstrations against an ongoing trash crisis.

Sporadic gunfire echoed through the capital's commercial district into the night as police fired in the air to disperse protesters. The violence came hours after Prime Minister Tammam Salam hinted he might step down following violent protests Saturday that injured more than 100 people.

The violence threatens to plunge Lebanon in new instability and political turmoil, adding to the greater Mideast's upheaval. The demonstrations, the largest in years to shake tiny Lebanon, seek to upend what protesters see as a corrupt and dysfunctional



Lebanese activists shout anti-government slogans as they are sprayed by riot police using water cannons during a protest against the ongoing trash crisis, in downtown Beirut, Lebanon, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015. Lebanese riot police are spraying thousands of protesters with water cannons in downtown Beirut, the second day of mass demonstrations against an ongoing trash crisis becoming violence.
 (AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

political system that has no functional Cabinet or parliament, nor a president for more than a year.

"We are ruled by corrupt losers! All of them — war-

lords, legislators and ministers — are working for their own interest and not those of the people," said Nada Qadoura, a retired woman who took part in Sunday's

protest along with two of her friends. "The will of the people will eventually succeed no matter how long it takes."

Sunday's clashes broke

out shortly before sunset when angry protesters tried to break through barbed wire leading to the government's headquarters. Police beat back protesters with clubs and water cannons, occasionally hurling stones at protesters who threw rocks and water bottles.

At least two riot police officers were injured and whisked away by their colleagues. Ambulances carried away at least five injured protesters from Riad Solh Square in central Beirut, where the demonstrators had been gathering since the morning.

Later Sunday evening, protesters were able to break through the first barbed wire after intense clashes with security forces. When the protesters got closer to the government headquarters, police fired tear gas, forcing thousands to flee.

The protesters took over a police motorcycle and set it on fire. Some protesters carrying clubs also attacked police vehicles, hurling stones and bottles at them. "Shabiha!" the protesters would shout, an Arabic term often used to refer to thugs. Sunday's protest was larger than the previous day's, with some local television stations saying about 20,000 people participated. The protests started over garbage piling up on the streets after the capital's main landfill was closed a month ago. An online group calling itself "You Stink!" and other civil society groups organized the rallies, calling on Lebanese to join them in a revolt against the corrupt system. □

Official:

Islamic State ambushes, kills up to 50 Iraq troops

QASSIM ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Islamic State militants killed up to 50 soldiers in two separate ambushes in Iraq's turbulent Anbar province west of the capital, Baghdad, a top provincial official said.

Sabah al-Karhout, president of the Anbar Provincial Council, told The Associated Press the ambushes took place this weekend west of the provincial capital, Ramadi, but said he had no

more details. There was no immediate word from federal authorities or the Islamic State group.

The Islamic State group controls much of the vast Anbar province, including Ramadi and the city of Fallujah.

Government forces and Shiite militiamen have been trying to dislodge Islamic State fighters from the province but they have been making slow progress. They also have been coming mounting pressure in the oil

refinery town of Beiji north of Baghdad, with Islamic State militants fighting their way toward the center of the town. Beiji was liberated from the extremists late last year. "The operations in Anbar are going according to plans, but progress is slow and the advances are halted by roadside bombs and booby-trapped buildings," al-Karhout said.

Defense Minister Khalid al-Obeidi on Saturday toured the military's northern com-

mand in Anbar, according to a statement issued by his office. During a meeting with troops there, he counseled that forces there must use "caution and precision" when advancing to avoid "unjustified losses." Later, a statement posted on the ministry's official website said al-Obeidi on Saturday also fired the commander of a brigade deployed in Anbar as part of the 10th Mechanized Infantry Division. □

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Ehud Barak's Iran bombshell could shake up Israeli politics

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Former Defense Minister Ehud Barak's comments that Israel nearly attacked Iran's nuclear facilities but the plan was scuttled by military men and cowardly politicians could shake up Israeli politics.

The leaked interview, in which Barak also described Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as indecisive and obsessively pessimistic, was the talk of the town Sunday in an Israel obsessed about Iran. But beyond the hand-wringing, the always calculating Barak may have been focused on the future, perhaps for a final run at the country's leadership. Also a former prime minister, Barak enjoys respect as the last leader of the moderate Labor Party to win an election, defeating Netanyahu in 1999. But he also is seen by analysts as having squandered his opportunity, lasting just two years in a term that cemented his reputation as brilliant but arrogant, and prone to overcomplicated analysis and nonstop machinations. Barak later returned to politics, serving as defense minister from 2007 to 2013, when he was aligned with

a re-elected Netanyahu on the dangers of a nuclear-armed Iran. He left politics as the Labor Party was weak and torn between factions. Now 73, Barak may running out of chances for another comeback. Barak's interview, leaked Friday to Israeli Channel 2 television coincide with the release of a new biography about him, immediately thrust him back in the limelight.

"I imagine he would like to return to politics," veteran commentator Rina Mazliach told the privately owned broadcaster. Barak wants "to return to the Israeli consciousness."

In the recordings, Barak addressed one of the country's deepest secrets — whether Israel really was prepared to take military action against Iran's nuclear facilities.

For years, both he and Netanyahu issued veiled threats to attack if the world did not take action. Those threats, while often dismissed by commentators as bluster, were widely seen as a key factor in rallying international sanctions against Iran.

Barak told his interviewer that both he and Netanyahu favored an attack in 2010, but the military chief



In this January, 2011 photo, Former Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak attends a press conference at the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem. Former Defense Minister Ehud Barak's comments that Israel came close to ordering an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities but was thwarted by military men and cowardly politicians could shake up Israeli politics. The leaked interview, in which Barak also described Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as indecisive and obsessively pessimistic, was the talk of the town Sunday in an Israel obsessed about Iran. (AP Photo/Bernat Armangue)

of staff at the time, Gabi Ashkenazi, said Israel did not have the operational capability.

"You can't go to the Cabinet when the chief of staff will go and say 'Excuse me, I told you no,'" Barak said. The following year, he said two influential Cabinet ministers had second thoughts and scuttled an attack. Then, in 2012, a joint military exercise with the U.S. and

a planned visit by then-U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta got in the way, he said.

Channel 2 said Barak unsuccessfully tried to prevent it from airing the interview, but that the military censor's office permitted it. There was no comment Sunday from Barak, Netanyahu or Ashkenazi, the former military chief.

The Cabinet ministers sin-

gled out by Barak — Yuval Steinitz and Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon — also declined to comment.

Avigdor Lieberman, then-Israel's foreign minister, appeared to support Barak's version in an interview with Channel 2. "If a prime minister cannot pass through his Cabinet a decision that he wanted, probably there is a problem," Lieberman said Sunday. □



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At Press Time:

Koreas resume talks as Seoul sees North Korea troop movement

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PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Senior officials from North and South Korea on Sunday were in their second day of marathon talks meant to pull the rivals back from the brink, even amid reports of unusual North Korean troop and submarine movement that Seoul said indicated continued battle preparation.

While it was not clear whether any progress was made during the first round of talks, which started Saturday evening and finished just before dawn Sunday, the second day of diplomacy, for the time being, pushed aside the heated warnings of imminent war.



South Korean National Security Director, Kim Kwan-jin, right, and Unification Minister Hong Yong-pyo, second from right, shake hands with Hwang Pyong So, left, North Korea' top political officer for the Korean People's Army, and Kim Yang Gon, a senior North Korean official responsible for South Korean affairs, during their meeting at the border village of Panmunjom in Paju, South Korea.

These are the highest-level talks between the two Ko-

reas in a year. And just the fact that senior officials from countries that have spent recent days vowing to destroy each other are sitting together at a table in Panmunjom, the border enclave where the 1953 armistice ending fighting in the Korean War, is something of a victory. The length of the first round of talks — nearly 10 hours

— and the lack of immediate progress are not unusual. While the Koreas often have difficulty agreeing to talks, once they do, overlong sessions are often the rule. After decades of animosity and bloodshed, however, finding common ground is much harder. Neither side has disclosed details about the first round of talks. The second session

started Sunday afternoon and stretched into the night.

The decision to hold talks came hours ahead of a Saturday deadline set by North Korea for the South to dismantle loudspeakers broadcasting anti-Pyongyang propaganda at their border. North Korea had declared that its front-line troops were in full war readiness and prepared to go to battle if Seoul did not back down.

South Korea said that even as the North was pursuing dialogue, its troops were preparing for a fight.

An official from Seoul's Defense Ministry said that about 70 percent of the North's more than 70 submarines and undersea vehicles had left their bases and were undetectable by the South Korean military as of Saturday.

The official, who refused to be named because of office rules, also said the North had doubled the strength of its front-line artillery forces since the start of the talks Saturday evening. □

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Bangkok:

Police fear bombing suspect may have fled

BANGKOK (AP) — Despite new surveillance video that may offer a possible clue to the bombing in central Bangkok that killed 20 people, Thai police said Sunday that the perpetrators may have already fled the country, and that they will "need some luck" to catch them.

Surveillance video leaked to Thai media shows a man in a blue shirt placing a bag on a riverside walkway, then kicking it into the water on Monday night shortly after the explosion several

kilometers (miles) away at the downtown Erawan shrine. About 18 hours later, at 1 p.m. Tuesday, an explosion took place at the same spot near a busy pier, causing no casualties. Col. Winthai Suvaree, a spokesman for Thailand's ruling junta, also said that closed circuit television showing the main bombing suspect was used to trace the route he took to and from the site of Monday evening's rush-hour attack. He said that a police sketch of the suspect had

been distributed to border posts.

Police spokesman Prawut Thawornsiri said he believes the perpetrator would have timed an escape carefully and "wouldn't have much time to stay around."

"I suspect that he may have left, but we will keep searching, in case we can find others who may be in the country or find clues, evidence and witnesses who may have seen him," he told Channel 3 TV network. □



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China, other countries rehearse for massive military parade



Chinese troops practice marching ahead of a Sept. 3 military parade at a camp on the outskirts of Beijing. China is ramping up publicity for its upcoming World War II military parade that will feature 12,000 soldiers and 500 pieces of military equipment, but officials still aren't saying which other countries are taking part in the spectacle. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

BEIJING (AP) — Fighter jets flew low over Beijing on Sunday as thousands of soldiers from China, Russia and other countries rehearsed for a military parade next month commemorating the end of World War II. The Sept. 3 parade will showcase the People's

Liberation Army's rapidly growing capabilities at a time when Beijing is asserting territorial claims in the South China Sea and East China Sea. The city center was closed to the public, but photos on social media showed Chinese missile carriers rolling through Tiananmen

Square and troops carrying the flags of Cuba, Fiji, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia and Pakistan. Military helicopters flew over forming the figure "70." More than 10,000 Chinese military personnel with more than 500 vehicles and some 200 aircraft took part in the rehearsal, the

official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The Chinese military plans to show seven types of long-, intermediate- and short-range missiles at the parade, Xinhua said. It cited a military official as saying 84 percent of armaments to be displayed have not been shown in public previously.

Belarus, Kazakhstan and Mexico also plan to participate, according to state media. China says the parade is about marking the 70th anniversary of Japan's World War II surrender and demonstrating its commitment to peace. But it comes as other governments are expressing unease at Beijing's confrontational stance toward territorial disputes. That has

made taking part in the event politically charged.

Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia, Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj of Mongolia, Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt and Milos Zeman of the Czech Republic have accepted invitations to attend, along with unidentified leaders from Central Asia, according to state media.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye has said she will attend a ceremony marking the anniversary of victory over Japan in World War II, but aides say she has yet to decide whether to attend the military parade. The 75-member Mexican military delegation will include officers and cadets from the country's military, naval and air force colleges, according to Xinhua. □

Explosion at chemical plant in China kills 1

BEIJING (AP) — An explosion at a chemical plant in eastern China killed one person and injured nine others, a state news agency reported Sunday, less than two weeks after a similar disaster at a chemical warehouse killed 123 people. The explosion occurred just before 9 p.m. Saturday in Zibo, a city southeast of Beijing in Shandong province, the Xinhua News Agency said. It said firefighters put out the resulting fire just before 2 a.m. Sunday. One person working at the facility was

killed, Xinhua said. It said the cause of the blast was under investigation. Environmental authorities detected no contamination from the blast, according to Xinhua. The facility, owned by Shandong Runxing Chemical Technology Co., produced adiponitrile, which can give off toxic fumes when burned, according to Xinhua. Adiponitrile is used in making nylon and other products. The blast follows the Aug. 12 explosion at a warehouse holding chemicals

in Tianjin, a port city east of Beijing.

On Sunday, the Tianjin city government announced on its microblog account that the death toll in that disaster had been raised to 123. It said 50 people were still missing.

The cause of the Tianjin disaster is under investigation. State media say that the warehouse, which stored sodium cyanide and other dangerous chemicals, was too close to homes and that its operators may have obtained falsified safety approvals. □

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Cuban doctors fleeing Venezuela protest for US visas



Yaneisy Perez, left, and fellow Cuban doctors, show their diplomas during a protest to draw attention to their plight to get U.S. visas at the Banderas square in Bogotá, Colombia.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Mazalan)

CAMILO HERNANDEZ
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— About 100 Cuban doctors who deserted a medical mission in Venezuela and have been stranded for months in Colombia seeking entry into the U.S. staged a protest Saturday to draw attention to their plight.

The health care workers say they fear the delays in processing their visa requests under a 2006 program aimed at luring Cuba's medical talent could be a sign that President Barack Obama is seeking to end the incentive as part of his campaign to normalize relations with the communist island.

Wearing white doctor's coats and brandishing their diplomas, the Cuban medical workers gathered in a plaza in Kennedy, a working-class neighborhood built in the 1960s with funds from John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress. Several described how widespread shortages and mistreatment in Ven-

ezuela is leading many to sneak across the border seeking a new start in the United States. While they say conditions in Colombia are better, the cost of living is higher and many say they've had to borrow money from strangers and surviving on a single meal a day.

Ailen Garcia, a 25-year-old dentist, said she fled to Colombia expecting to get a visa to enter the U.S. in a matter of weeks. Instead, she and her husband have been waiting more than six months for a response, all the while renting a small room in a working-class neighborhood of Bogotá for \$200 a month and preparing for the birth of their first child in two months' time.

"I'm worried about my baby. Where am I going to give birth and in what conditions?" said Garcia. "We're in a state of limbo: without work, with little money and time running out."

More than 50,000 Cuban health care professionals are working in some 66 na-

tions as part of an international outreach program begun in the 1960s. The bulk work in Venezuela, which sends Cuba some 92,000 barrels of oil a day worth about \$3.2 billion a year in exchange.

The 2006 U.S. program is designed to deprive President Raul Castro's communist government of an important source of foreign revenue. Cuba has not made public how much it pays doctors on foreign missions, though it is believed to be a small fraction of what it collects from the nations where they serve.

U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, which administers the program, didn't immediately respond to a telephone message about the program.

State Department spokesman John Kirby said this week that while Cubans regularly voice their concerns about the program it's not part of bilateral talks taking place between the two governments and there are no plans to eliminate the program. □

Venezuela extends closure of key border with Colombia

FABIOLA SANCHEZ

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP) — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has extended indefinitely the closure of a popular border crossing with Colombia and declared a 60-day state of emergency in several western cities as authorities attempt to reassert control in a notoriously lawless area where three army officers were shot.

Maduro's action this week-end followed his earlier decision to enforce a 72-hour

closure of the normally busy crossing in Tachira state and deploy hundreds of additional troops in response to the shooting that wounded two lieutenants and a captain who were patrolling for smugglers. Maduro said the Simon Bolivar international bridge would remain closed until the assailants are caught. He says the 60-day state of emergency, which can be extended for another two months, would allow security forces to regain.

The 1,400-mile (2,200-ki-

lometer) border long has been plagued by violence stemming from Colombia's half-century old rebel conflict, the presence of drug-trafficking gangs and, now, by smugglers of cheap goods from Venezuela.

"We've been discovering a frightful reality about how the criminals and paramilitaries operate. I'm under the obligation to free Venezuela of all this," Maduro said Friday night in a televised address.

Authorities announced that eight suspected para-

militaries possibly linked to the attack were arrested Saturday as part of an operation to boost patrols along the border. Another 183 Colombians in Venezuela illegally were deported. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said Maduro's dramatic action was inexplicable and would hurt communities on both sides of the border. He said he would speak with the Venezuelan leader in the coming days and that foreign ministers from both countries would meet this

week in hopes of quickly reopening the border.

"Closing the border brings problems. It generates a lot of unease and forces a lot of innocent people, including children, to clean up the mess left by others," Santos said at an event Saturday in Bucaramanga. Opponents of Maduro's administration immediately denounced the move as an attempt to distract attention from a deep economic crisis that has led to collapsing support for the socialist government. □



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Many had just finished their HAVO or VWO on the island.

Prime Minister Eman brought a surprise visit to the event, together with his colleague Benny Sevinger. Resident Minister Boekhoudt was also present as well as Shandra John, director of the Kabinet of

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Using this day to clear the area, the famous poop-

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cafe in the center of Oranjestad, but they also import their own coffee from all over the world. The beans are burnt on Aruba. This coffee is also available for use at home and it is for sale at various local supermarkets as well as at the fun Coffee Break location. Photo: Sheri Tieleman and the wonderful Aruba Coffee Roasting Company employees. □



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Serena Williams of the United States, holds the Rookwood Cup after defeating Simona Halep, of Romania, in the women's final at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, in Mason, Ohio.

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Federer wins 7th Cincy title, Serena Williams gets her second

JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Roger Federer jutted his right index finger toward the summer-blue sky to celebrate his latest Cincinnati title. He would have needed both hands to count all of them. Might as well just rename it the Federer Open. Or maybe subtitle it the Djokovic Heartbreak. Federer remained perfect in Cincinnati finals, winning an unprecedented seventh championship on Sunday while denying Novak Djokovic the one title that always eludes him. Federer never faced a break point during a 7-6 (1), 6-3 victory at the Western & Southern Open.

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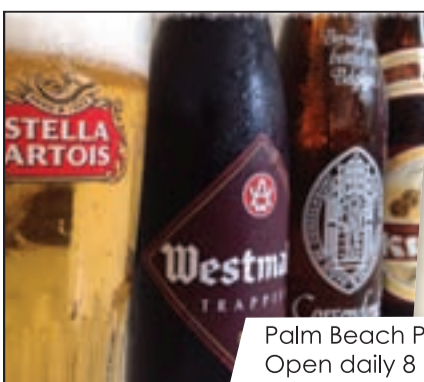
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Love wins Wyndham Championship for third time

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Davis Love III reacts as he misses a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the final round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015. Love won the tournament.

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Justin Gatlin stumbles late as Bolt wins 100 at worlds

PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Four straight times after his spirit-sapping defeat, Justin Gatlin heard some version of this question: Was it good for track that you lost to Usain Bolt? Four straight times, his response was simply: "I'm thankful."

That non-answer was the best the two-time convicted doper could do under the circumstances. Gatlin handled his .01-second loss to Bolt on Sunday at the world championships with his usual show of class.

The difference in such a close race? The tape shows he stumbled ever so slightly over the last 15 meters and leaned to the line too early while Bolt was bearing down. Maybe that stumble was caused by the extra weight he carries around trying to prove he's not as bad as people say he is.

"No one wanted Gatlin to win," said Jamaican sprinter Asafa Powell, who served a six-month doping ban last year. "I am just glad Usain had the legs to do it."

A typical reaction, which

could be why the tears flowed freely when Gatlin buried his face in his mother's shoulder moments after the race.

"I think that everything that was going on, the pressure he put on himself to win, to really silence the naysayers that, one, say he shouldn't be here and, two, say they don't want him to win," said Gatlin's agent, former hurdling great Renaldo Nehemiah. "The only way he could feel victorious is to win, even though he still wouldn't have won in the court of opinion."



Jamaica's Usain Bolt crosses the finish line to win the men's 100m final at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015. United States' Justin Gatlin, left, was second.

Associated Press

Gatlin figures to keep getting his chances — later this week in the 200, in the 4x100 relay, and then next year at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Bolt figures to be the favorite — both of the fans and the bookmakers.

"A gamer," Gatlin called him. "He's a showman."

Gatlin tested positive for amphetamines in 2001, but arbitrators decided he didn't take it to cheat and that doctors prescribed it to treat attention deficit disorder first diagnosed when he was 9. Five years later, he tested positive again, this time for testosterone. The United State Anti-Doping Agency and the IAAF pushed for an eight-year ban.

He served four years. The groundswell of criticism has only increased since Gatlin returned from his doping ban in 2010. Ever since, he's steadily re-

gained and surpassed the form that helped him win gold at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

Gatlin captured bronze at the 2012 London Olympics and then silver at the worlds in 2013.

"No one said anything (about those races)," Nehemiah said. "Then, when he starts running well, consistently well I should say, it's all of a sudden the threat of someone being able to beat Bolt. People couldn't stand that."

They have to create this, 'He's a villain' kind of guy. How is he a villain? What about the other people who are running? You're not talking about them.

"It's like, 'We're going to write all we can because we hate the fact you're winning.' I told him it's a stain you unfortunately can't erase."

This was the first time Gatlin has lost in two years. □

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Serena Williams got her name on the Rookwood trophy for the second time on Sunday, beating third-seeded Simona Halep 6-3, 7-6 (5) for back-to-back Cincinnati titles. She heads off to the U.S. Open trying to become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to pull off a calendar Grand Slam sweep.

"I'm ready," Williams said. "I don't care if I win or lose or break even. I'm ready to start it, get it over with,

No surprise there. Federer is the undisputed king of this court. "He's very good on this center court," Djokovic said. "He's more confident each year."

By contrast, the world's top-ranked player is 0-5 in Cincinnati championship matches, never winning so much as one set. Djokovic covets the title — the only one he needs to become the first to win all nine of the current ATP Masters events. "The fifth time I've been in the title (match) and never won this title, so I guess I have to wait for Roger to retire," Djokovic said. "I've been coming back each

in Cincinnati hoping to get his game smoothed out for the U.S. Open. His serve is right where he needs it. During his five matches in Cincinnati, Federer wasn't broken during 49 service games. He faced only three break points all week, none on Sunday when he lost only 13 points during his 11 service games and the tiebreaker. Federer also won the 2012 title without having his serve broken all week.

Djokovic fought off four break points early in the

first set, and Federer never gave up more than two points a game off his serve as it went to a tiebreaker. Djokovic became animated as he dumped three shots into the net during the tiebreaker, helping Federer take control. At that point, it was clear where this one was head. Another Federer win. Another Djokovic disappointment. Federer broke him and went up 3-0 in the second set. Djokovic fought off three breaks points during an 18-point game that pulled

him within 4-2, but Federer held serve and closed it out when Djokovic returned a serve long. Then he raised his racket in his left hand and his right index finger in celebration.

One of seven.

Halep was the runner-up at Toronto a week earlier and was hoping to beat Williams for the second time in less than a year — she upset her at the WTA Finals in October. Halep broke Williams' serve to open the match, but couldn't sustain it. □



Roger Federer, of Switzerland, hoists the Rookwood Cup after defeating Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, in the men's final of the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, in Mason, Ohio. Federer defeated Djokovic 7-6 (1), 6-3.

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and be done and go on to the next event. But I'm so ready for New York. Let's go, right?"

It took Williams six tries before she got her first Cincinnati title. Federer has never failed.

The Swiss star is 7-0 in the finals, which always brings out the best in him. He loves the fast-playing courts and the small-town atmosphere in suburban Cincinnati heading into the big-city pressure of the U.S. Open.

"I don't know how many years I can come back, but I'll try my best to be here many more years to come," Federer said.

year wanting it more."

Federer feels for him.

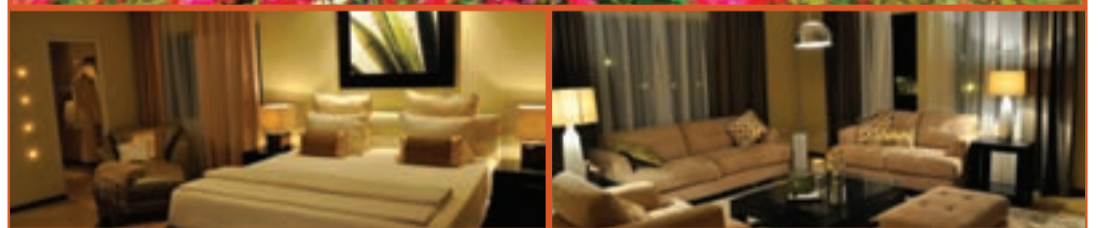
"I really hope you can win here someday," Federer told him on court during the trophy presentations. "He deserves it. C'mon, so close."

In addition to Cincinnati, Federer has won seven titles at Dubai and Wimbledon, eight at Halle.

It was Federer's first tournament since he lost to Djokovic in the finals at Wimbledon. With the win, he'll be seeded second behind Djokovic at the U.S. Open. Federer spent the last few weeks practicing in Switzerland, and he arrived



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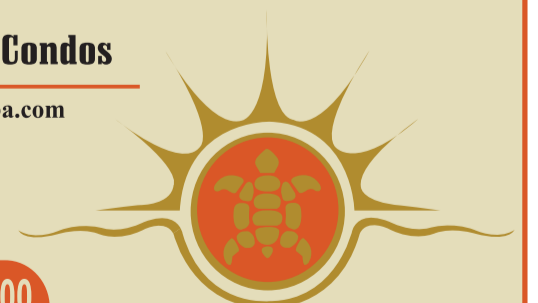


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Love wins Wyndham; Tiger struggles in final round

JOEDY McCREARY

AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) —

Davis Love III's long victory drought is over. Tiger Woods will have to wait a while to get another chance.

Love won the Wyndham Championship on Sunday to become the third-oldest winner in PGA Tour history, while Woods' season came to an abrupt end.

The 51-year-old Love closed with a 6-under 64 for a one-stroke victory over Jason Gore.

"Any victory now is going to be really sweet when you're over 50," Love said.

The dominant storyline all week at Sedgefield Country Club was the mere presence of Woods, who needed a victory to earn a spot in the FedEx Cup playoffs opener next week.

He was poised to challenge Sunday, starting just two strokes off the lead. But he only had one birdie during his first 10 holes, dropping way off the pace with a triple bogey on the par-4 11th. Woods shot a 70, finished four strokes back and ended at No. 178 in the standings, well outside the cut-off of 125.

"I gave myself a chance, and I had all the opportunity in the world today to do it," Woods said. "I didn't get it done."

Now comes a break before his next tournament, the Frys.com Open in October in northern California. It's the first event of the tour's 2015-16 season.

"This is my offseason right



Davis Love III poses with the trophy after winning the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015.

Associated Press

now," he said.

Love — who started at No. 186 — played himself into The Barclays by earning 500 FedEx Cup points and \$972,000 in prize money.

At 51 years, 4 months, 10 days, Love trails only Sam Snead and Art Wall on the tour's age list. Snead won the last of his eight Greensboro titles at Sedgefield in 1965 at 52 years, 10 months, 8 days, and Wall took the 1975 Greater Milwaukee Open at 51 years, 7 months, 10 days.

Love has 21 career victories, three in Greensboro. His previous two wins came

across town at Forest Oaks in 1992 and 2006, and he had just one win since then — at the 2008 Children's Miracle Network Classic in Florida.

"To have your name thrown out there with Sam Snead at any point is incredible," Love said. "For some reason, this tournament has been good to guys in my age group."

Love finished at 17-under 263. Gore, the third-round leader, shot a 69. Scott Brown (68), Charl Schwartzel (66) and Paul Casey (67) were two strokes behind Love.

Love, who was four strokes back after three rounds, started strong with four birdies and an eagle on Nos. 2-6. He moved to 17 under with an eagle on the par-5 15th — the first of his career during a competitive round on that hole.

He closed with three straight pars, walked off the 18th green with a two-stroke lead over Brown and Gore, and headed to the range to hit a few shots and rest up for a possible playoff.

"You don't really know what to do," Love said. "You don't go to the cabin and think that you've won." Brown pulled within one stroke of Love with a birdie on 15, and Gore made things even more interesting with an eagle on that hole.

Neither got any closer. Brown hit his approach on the 18th to about 60 feet, left his putt about 10 feet short and three-putted for bogey. Gore needed to make a 50-foot birdie putt on 18 to force a playoff, but he left it about a foot short to wrap up the victory for Love.

"I told my coach starting today, '17 is a playoff and 18 is a winner,'" Brown said. There was quite a crowd near the top of the leaderboard for a while. Midway through the afternoon, five players shared the lead at 15 under.

None of them was Woods. Chasing his first victory since 2013, he opened with six straight pars, including

one on the easiest hole on the course — the par-5 fifth, which he birdied in each of the first three rounds.

Woods sent his tee shot on the par-3 seventh into the huge gallery that had been waiting for him to reel off some birdies and make his move, then two-putted for his first bogey.

And when he made the turn, he was three strokes behind co-leaders Gore and Brown — his playing partner.

"I just wasn't able to get any kind of roll early," Woods said. "I had my chances to get it going. I just never did."

Brown, who had a hole-in-one on the par-3 third, joined Love at 17 under with a birdie on 11 — the same hole that pretty much sank Woods.

Woods' chip-and-run on the 11th ran all the way off the green. He couldn't keep his ensuing chip on the green and wound up three-putting for triple bogey. Not even three straight birdies on Nos. 13-15 could help him recover.

Woods was far from the only player who needed to play well at Sedgefield to advance to next week. Defending champion Camilo Villegas finished at 10 under — good enough to move him from No. 129 to No. 123 and put him in The Barclays.

But Scott Langley, who arrived at No. 126 on the points list, dropped a spot after bogeys on four of his final six holes. □



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WNBA Capsules

Johnson hits winner, helps Fever slip past Liberty

The Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tamika Catchings scored 14 points to lead a balanced offense and Shenise Johnson hit the go-ahead jumper with 1:32 left to help the Indiana Fever beat the New York Liberty 80-79 on Sunday night.

Natalie Achonwa and Maggie Lucas scored 11 points apiece while Johnson and Lynetta Kizer added 10 each for the Fever (17-9), who pulled within a game of the Eastern Conference leading Liberty.

Kizer's hook shot in the lane gave Indiana, which led by as many as 12 points in the first half, a 78-77 lead. Tina Charles answered to put New York back on top with 1:58 to play.

Johnson's pull-up jumper 26 seconds later proved to be the winner.

Trailing by one, New York forced a turnover with 20 seconds left. After a timeout, Epiphanny Prince's shot was off the mark on a contested jumper from the right elbow in the final seconds.

Tina Charles led the Liberty (18-8) with 18 points.

MERCURY 79, LYNX 67
PHOENIX (AP) — DeWanna Bonner scored 21 points, and Brittney Griner added 10 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots as the Mercury clinched a playoff berth with a victory over the Lynx.

Noelle Quinn scored 11 points and Monique Curry finished with 10 for the Mercury (16-10).

Candice Dupree scored five-straight points during a 10-2 run in the second quarter that pushed the Phoenix lead to 31-19 with 3:12 left in the first half. Minnesota trailed by double digits the rest of the way.



Connecticut Sun's Jennifer Lacy, right, keeps the ball from Atlanta Dream's Sydney Carter during the first half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, in Uncasville, Conn.

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The Lynx (19-9) made just 4 of 17 second-quarter field goals and shot just 23 percent from the field in the first half as the Mercury took a 37-22 lead into halftime.

Minnesota coach Cheryl Reeve was ejected late in the third quarter after picking up two quick technical fouls.

Sylvia Fowles had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Minnesota.

SKY 66, MYSTICS 64
WASHINGTON (AP) — Cappie Pondexter's layup with 6 seconds left gave the Sky a victory over the Mystics.

Washington's Kara Lawson hit a 3-pointer with 28 seconds to tie the game. Coming out of a timeout, Pondexter, out near the halfcourt line, let the clock wind down before driving for the winning points. Lawson missed a last-second jumper.

With the home-and-home sweep, Chicago (17-11) earned its fourth straight victory over Washington (15-11) in the battle between Eastern Conference teams jockeying for playoff berths.

Pondexter finished with nine

points, six below her average. Elena Delle Donne, the league's leading scorer at 24 points per game, had 18 on 7-of-22 shooting along with 10 rebounds. Allie Quigley added 15 points and Clarissa Dos Santos 10.

Lawson led Washington with 19 points with Ivory Latta adding 15 and Emma Meesseman 12.

SPARKS 90, STARS 59

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jantel Lavender scored 22 points and Candace Parker added 20 to help the Sparks roll to a victory over the Stars.

Ana Dabovic had 18 for the Sparks (10-17), who padded their cushion between themselves, idle Seattle (7-20) and the Stars (7-21), for the final playoff berth out of the Western Conference.

Lavender blocked a career-high five shots and played in her 132nd consecutive game, second all-time for Los Angeles. Parker had 12 rebounds and nine assists. The Sparks shot 54 percent from the field and dominated in the paint 52-28.

Kayla McBride scored 13 10 for the Stars, losers of five points and Dearica Hamby straight. □



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Esteban Chavez from Colombia celebrates after winning the 158.7 kilometer second stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race between Alhaurin de la Torre to Caminito del Rey, Spain, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015.

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CAMINITO DEL REY, Spain (AP) — Former Tour de France champion Vincenzo Nibali was thrown out of the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday for holding on to a support vehicle after being involved in a big crash on the second stage, which was won by Esteban Chaves of Colombia. Officials said Nibali broke the rules by letting the support vehicle from his Astana team pull him along after getting back up following a crash about 30 kilometers (18 miles)

from the finish. The spill held up nearly two thirds of the peloton and several riders needed medical assistance, although no serious injuries were reported. Nibali had to wait about a minute to get back on the road and officials said a video showed the Italian rider grabbed the support vehicle and held on for several meters. The Astana rider finished the stage nearly a minute and a half behind the leaders, before being expelled. Nibali won

Nibali expelled from Spanish Vuelta; Chaves wins 2nd stage

the Vuelta in 2010 before also claiming the Giro d'Italia in 2013 and the Tour in 2014. Up front, Chaves beat Dutchman Tom Dumoulin in the sprint at the final summit to take the overall leader's red jersey. It was the first stage that counted toward individual times. Tour de France winner Chris Froome of Britain finished 30 seconds behind in seventh place, crossing the line just after Colombian Nairo Quintana, who couldn't complete a late charge for the victory. Spaniard Joachim Purito Rodriguez was fifth and countryman

Alejandro Valverde eighth. Froome, the Vuelta runner-up in 2014, controlled his pace alongside Valverde to make sure he finished within range. Froome finished last year's Vuelta behind Alberto Contador, who is not defending his title after winning the Giro and tiring at the Tour this summer. Quintana was in the four-man break at the end but couldn't keep up in the final climb. Dumoulin stayed close to Chaves until the final meters but eventually fell back. The second stage took riders over 158.7 kilometers

(98.6 miles) from Alhaurin de la Torre to a summit finish at Caminito del Rey. The three-week Vuelta started with a team time trial on Saturday, but it didn't count toward individual times because of safety concerns over a route of narrow stretches on sandy dirt. The 7.4-kilometer (4.6-mile) stage from Puerto Banus to Marbella along Spain's southern coast was won by the BMC team. Monday's third stage will be a 158.4-kilometer (98.4-mile) ride from Mijas to Malaga and should benefit sprinters. □

Australia's Rohan Dennis wins USA Pro Challenge

JAMES RAIA Associated Press DENVER (AP) — Australia's Rohan Dennis won the USA Pro Challenge on Sunday, finishing in the main pack to take the overall title by

40 seconds over teammate Brent Bookwalter of the United States.

The 25-year-old Dennis, riding for the American-based BMC team, won two stages, finished second in two stages and assumed the race lead he never lost with his stage four win from Aspen to Breckenridge. Canadian Rob Britton of SmartStop was third overall — 1:31 back — in the seven-day race that began Monday in Breckenridge. "I initially came here to support Brent," said Dennis, who won the opening time trial stage of the Tour de France in July in the fastest time in race history. "But I found my legs." American John Murphy of UnitedHealthcare won the final stage from Golden to Denver in a pack sprint in 2:20:03. Kristin Armstrong of the

United States, the two-time Olympic time trial gold medalist who's in her second comeback, earlier captured the three-stage women's race in Golden by 29 seconds over compatriot Tayler Wiles of DNA Cycling. Armstrong of Twenty16-ShoAir finished ninth in the final stage. American Coryn Rivera of UnitedHealthcare won the third stage, a one-hour criterium by more than a bike-length. Dennis, whose long season began in January when his won the Tour Down stage race in Australia, was also part of his squad's winning team time trial stage win at the Tour de France. He rode in support of teammate Tejay van Garderen until the American withdrew in third with three days remaining because of a virus. □



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AP Poll: No lag on tech use by black, Hispanic millennials

BY GLYNN A. HILL
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WASHINGTON (AP) -- A new poll finds African-American and Hispanic millennials are just as technologically connected and likely to get news through social media as regularly as their white counterparts, further narrowing the risk of people of color being left behind technologically.

Overall, 57 percent of millennials say they get news and information from Facebook at least once a day, and 81 percent say they get it from Facebook at least once a week. The poll also found that Hispanics and African-Americans are just as likely as any millennials to have a paid news subscription.

There was little differentiation between racial groups getting news from Facebook, the poll found. But about half of African-American millennials said they comment on news stories posted to Facebook, compared to about 3 in 10 whites and Hispanics.

The findings suggest that, despite fears that millennials - those 18-34 years old - may not be going to traditional sources for news, they are clearly getting news from social media.

"People of color are very wired and just as adept in using technology," said Tom Rosenstiel, executive director of the American Press Institute, which funded the study. "If you want a subject that hasn't been covered in the mainstream, millennials have found ways to get at that information through community sharing more than traditional ways. The way they get news is heavily influenced by topic."

In general, 64 percent of millennials say they read and watch news

online regularly, including 66 percent of African-Americans, according to the poll, which was conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the American Press Institute.

lags behind whites, with nearly all millennials using a smartphone and half using a tablet.

African-Americans are also more likely to use Facebook for keeping up with what's "trending" on social media

without gatekeepers.

"We see topics that aren't mainstream finding a big audience - a lot of gamers, comedy, news commentary. As something goes mainstream, young people look for new

created new common ground."q

The survey of 1,045 young adults, including 163 non-Hispanic African-Americans and 162 Hispanics, was conducted from Jan. 5



In this Jan. 5, 2011, file photo, Tyrell Coley, 21, holds his iPhone displaying his Twitter account in the Queens borough of New York. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sixty-five percent of white millennials say they keep up with the news online, while Hispanics were slightly less likely to say so, at 53 percent. In the 1990s, policymakers and advocacy groups expressed concern that minorities would have less access to technology than whites, a situation labeled the "digital divide." Over time, however, minorities emerged among the biggest users of certain forms of technology, such as smartphones.

The AP-NORC study found no evidence to suggest that African-Americans' and Hispanics' use of technology

- 41 percent of African-Americans compared with 29 percent of whites and 24 percent of Hispanics.

Those who are Hispanic or African-American are more likely than white millennials to get news and information from YouTube (38 percent of Hispanics compared with 33 percent of African-Americans and 20 percent of whites) and Instagram (30 percent of Hispanics compared with 45 percent of African-Americans and 19 percent of whites).

According to Rosenstiel, YouTube's popularity partially stems from users' ability to produce content

channels to exercise some control," he said.

Streaming music, TV or movies is the most commonly cited online activity among African-Americans, while keeping up with what their friends are doing is the most commonly cited online activity among Hispanics. For white millennials, checking and sending email was most common.

"What we've seen is millennials' similarities are much greater than the differences people thought that there were going to be," Rosenstiel said of the online experience. "We've

through Feb. 2, 2015. It was conducted by the Media Insight Project, a partnership between the AP-NORC Center and the American Press Institute, which funded the study.

The survey was conducted using online interviews in English and Spanish done with a random sample of adults age 18-34 who were initially recruited and screened to take part in the survey over the phone. Results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points. The margin of error is higher for subgroups. □

Sinking Feeling: As China slows, so does Otis Elevator

STEPHEN SINGER
AP Business Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — As China's economy has grown and skyscrapers sprouted in cities extending ever westward from the Pacific coast, Otis Elevator Co. went along for the ride. But with China now in a slump and the value of its currency the most recent casualty, Otis and other manufacturing companies staking much on Asia's biggest economy now face a moment of reckoning. After saying for years that increased urbanization would propel growth in China, parent company United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, cut its expected revenue and profit for the year, due partly to the slowdown across the

Construction in China in recent years was dramatic, with "cranes everywhere," driven by national pride demanding ever-taller skyscrapers, said Siva Yam, president of the United States of America-China Chamber of Commerce. The result, he said, was price speculation for land that could not be sustained, particularly as growth slowed. For Otis, the fall has been steep and embarrassing. Otis was founded in 1853, installed its first elevator in Shanghai in 1900, has six factories that make elevators and escalators for markets in China and elsewhere, and operates engineering research and development centers in two Chinese cities.

Brazil are among the problems. Elevator and escalator manufacturer Schindler said Aug. 14 it expects limited strength in the global market this year, with China "at most expected to achieve minimal growth" in 2015. "Most companies doubled down on China, thinking it was going to be a huge market for them, and now they're stuck," said Lawrence T. De Maria, an analyst at William Blair & Co. financial services who follows Caterpillar. More than 60 percent of companies that belong to the American Chamber of Commerce in China reported increased revenue in China last year, but down from 71 percent in 2013 and 2012; 42 percent

tion, particularly for the lucrative repair and maintenance business, also is undermining its Chinese market. Just this May, Hayes told investor analysts that Otis maintains and repairs 1.9 million elevators worldwide, creating a "phenomenal" stream of income and making Otis "the jewel of the UTC portfolio." But European elevator manufacturers are coming on strong in China, followed by Japanese and Korean competitors, said Lee Gray, who studies elevators and escalators as an architectural historian at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Rivals have learned from Otis, which became a household name by ag-



Workers walk out from a construction site at the Central Business District of Beijing, China. Otis elevator, which has staked much on increasing urbanization and soaring skyscrapers in cities across China, is struggling with declining revenue in 2015 as China's economy sours. For Otis, based in Farmington, Conn., rising competition, particularly for the lucrative repair and maintenance business, also is undermining its Chinese market share.
(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Pacific. "It's tough to get this bad news out," Greg Hayes, chief executive of United Technologies, said in a call with investor analysts July 21 when second-quarter profit and revenue results were released. "The slowdown in China is worse than what we had expected." Executives at Otis, based in Farmington, Connecticut, declined to comment for this article.

Sales have slowed this year over 2014, falling 7.5 percent in the first six months of the year compared with the same period in 2014. In contrast, revenue had jumped 4 percent, to about \$13 billion, last year over 2013. Other manufacturers relying on construction also report a tougher reception in China. Caterpillar cut its revenue forecast for the year. Lower construction-related sales in China and

reported increased profit margins in 2014, down from 48 percent in 2013. And 31 percent said they had no plans to increase investment in China this year, the most since the recession year 2009. "Growth is clearly slowing in China," said John Frisbie, president of the U.S.-China Business Council. "Companies are seeing a slowdown in their revenue growth." For Otis, rising competi-

gressively marketing itself and absorbing competitors in the 19th century. "Where in the early 20th century Otis was making significant inroads in Europe, in this century it's the reverse," Gray said. The competition and other factors are taking a toll. Hayes told analysts last month that in the past 10 or 15 years, "we've seen a continued erosion of Otis' market share" in the pursuit of wider profit margins. □

Dubai, Saudi markets lose 7% on oil dip

AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Stock markets in Saudi Arabia and Dubai closed around 7 percent lower on Sunday on the back of a further slide in oil prices. Dubai's main index closed 6.96 percent lower on its opening day of trading for the week. Saudi Arabia's Tadawul, the region's largest index, lost 6.86 percent. Other Mideast indexes, which trade from Sunday to Thursday, also tumbled. Egypt's main index, the EGX30, dropped 5.4 percent while Abu Dhabi's index dropped 5 percent. Sunday was the first day of trading in the Middle East after Brent crude, a benchmark for international oil, fell more than a dollar to close Friday at \$45.46 while the price of U.S. crude closed at \$40.45. Oil futures have been falling for eight consecutive weeks because of ample supplies of crude and a slowing global economy. Prices have fallen almost 60 percent since this time last year. Sherif Aziz, an analyst at Mubasher Trade, said there are also growing concerns about a slowdown in China, which announced a devaluation of its currency, the yuan. Concerns about slowing growth in the world's second-largest economy shook markets around the world and drove the U.S. stock market to its biggest drop in nearly four years on Friday. The tumble in the Saudi stock also comes after the Fitch ratings agency revised its outlook for the country from "stable" to "negative" in its foreign and local currency issuer default rating. It cited concerns over the impact of lower oil prices and increased spending on the government deficit, which is expected to widen in 2015. Saudi Arabia's revenues are almost entirely dependent on the sale of oil. □

Tumbling currencies point to jitters about emerging economies

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The damage spans the globe. Thailand's baht. Kazakhstan's tenge. South Africa's rand. Peru's nuevo sol.

In emerging markets worldwide, currencies are plunging over fears that developing economies are on the verge of a crippling fall. Success stories until recently, emerging economies are seen as casualties now — of slower growth in China, plunging prices for commodities like oil and iron ore, the prospect of higher U.S. interest rates and homegrown threats.

The damage has spilled across oceans, with the turmoil jolting investors in New York, Tokyo and Europe. Investors there worry that China and other major emerging economies will reduce their imports. They also fear a trade-disrupting currency war as some countries desperately lower their currencies' value to gain a competitive edge. A lower-priced currency makes a country's goods cheaper for foreigners.

The Dow Jones industrials plunged 530 points, more than 3 percent, Friday on top of a 358-point drop Thursday. Tokyo's Nikkei index shed 3 percent Friday. For all the markets' jitters, many economists say they remain confident that the U.S. economy is resilient enough to withstand a slowdown in the developing world. And Europe's economy appears to be emerging from its long



Turkish Liras, Euros and U.S. Dollars are stacked at a currency exchange office in Istanbul, Turkey. In emerging markets worldwide, currencies are plunging over fears that developing economies are on the verge of a crippling fall. The damage has spilled across oceans. The Dow Jones industrials plunged 530 points Friday, Aug. 21, 2015 on top of a 358-point drop Thursday. (AP Photo/Emrah Gurel)

slump.

Even so, the trouble in emerging markets is a surprising and unsettling reversal.

"It's remarkable just how things turned around so quickly," says Neil Shearing, an economist at Capital Economics and a former British Treasury official. Consider Peru. Three years ago, its capital, Lima, was chosen to host an International Monetary Fund's meeting of global finance officials in what was seen as a celebration of Latin America's arrival in the economic big leagues.

But with the event six weeks away, Latin America's outlook has descended from boom to gloom. Peru's economy has steadily

slowed, and its currency, the nuevo sol, has plunged 2.5 percent against the U.S. dollar in the past month.

And Peru boasts one of the region's healthiest economies. Brazil's economy is expected to shrink this year and next. Its currency, the real, is down 7 percent the past month and more than 30 percent the past two years. The Mexican peso closed Friday at a record low against the dollar.

It's hardly just Latin America. Kazakhstan's currency plummeted this week after the government decided to let it trade freely. The South African rand fell this week to a 14-year low against the U.S. dollar. Turkey's lira hit a record low against the dollar this

week.

Hung Tran, an executive managing director at the Institute of International Finance, expects developing countries to post 3.8 percent economic growth this year, down from 4.3 percent in 2014. The institute is on the verge of cutting that forecast further. Analysts point to a primary culprit:

"It's all coming from China," says Masamichi Adachi, an economist with JP Morgan Chase in Tokyo. "Brazil, South Africa, many countries are commodity exporters, and the final destination is all going to China."

The Chinese economy is slowing more sharply than most people had expect-

ed from the double-digit growth rates of the mid-2000s. The world's second-biggest economy is expected to grow 7 percent this year, which would be its slowest pace since 1990. Beijing is trying to manage a transition from rapid growth based on exports and often-wasteful spending on factories, real estate and infrastructure to slower, steadier expansion based on consumer spending.

That transition means China would need fewer raw materials — Chilean copper, Nigerian oil, Brazilian iron ore. That helps explain why China's pullback has loosed carnage in global commodity prices: The Standard & Poor's GSCI commodity index, which tracks 24 commodities prices, is down nearly 20 percent this year.

Emerging markets were already feeling the squeeze last week, when China devalued its currency, the yuan. That step ignited a semi-panic.

"The devaluation is a red flag about China's current economic situation," says Kurt Braybrook, who runs a Shanghai company that does quality control work. A falling yuan raises the risk that other countries will devalue their currencies to catch up. Most countries can't blame China and the vagaries of the global commodities market for all their problems.

South Africa is battling labor strife.

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Egypt stock market falls to lowest level in almost 2 years

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's stock market fell to its lowest level in almost two years on Sunday, as global markets sag and investors sober up from a buying binge surrounding a much-hyped economic conference last spring, analysts said.

The main EGX 30 stock index kicked off the trading week by closing at 6784.09, its lowest level since December 2013. The 5.43-percent drop came after a

steady fall last week, and as other Middle Eastern markets also tumbled, and it follows an overall global slowdown. Dubai's stock market closed nearly seven percent lower after a further slide in oil prices.

"It's a global sell-off; there's lack of foreign investments, given the macro-economic headwinds," said Amr Elalfy, global head of research at Mubasher Financial Services.

"But there were also great hopes and expectations surrounding the economic development conference last March, but people are realizing now that most of them have not yet materialized and that these reforms take time."

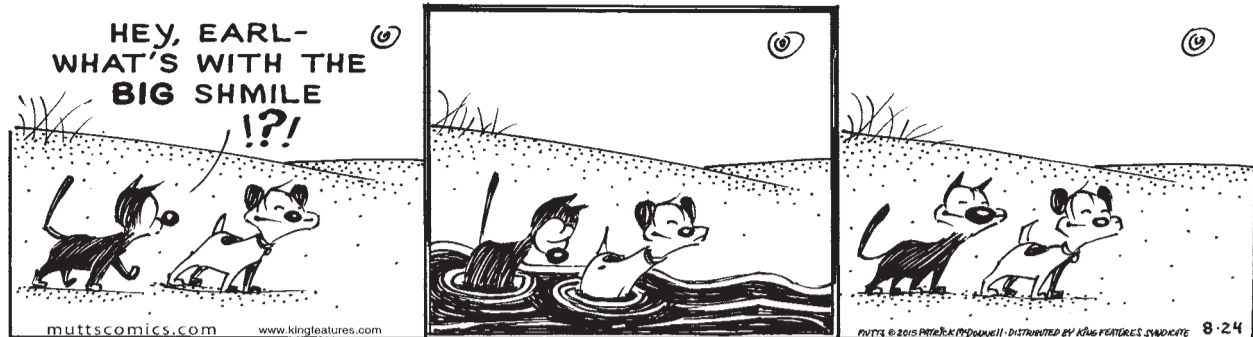
Led by general-turned-politician President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, Egypt is trying to send the message that it's making the necessary reforms and is open

for business. Another issue for foreign investors is the valuation of the pound currency, which they see as overvalued.

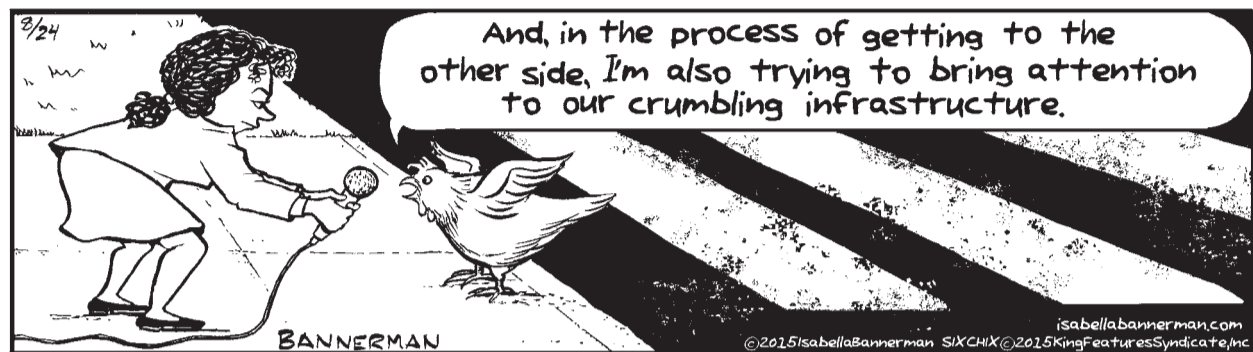
In an auction Sunday, the central bank did not ease its current rate, keeping it steady at 7.73 against the dollar. A weaker pound could boost foreign investment and exports. Elalfy said both that and delays in setting up a legislature, absent for three years,

were clouding over investor sentiment. "The central bank has not been very clear as far as setting the monetary policy," he said. "There have been some limited measures, but maybe the devaluation has not been enough yet. Also the delay in forming a parliament is actually creating some doubt about economic policies, and how they will be implemented later on." □

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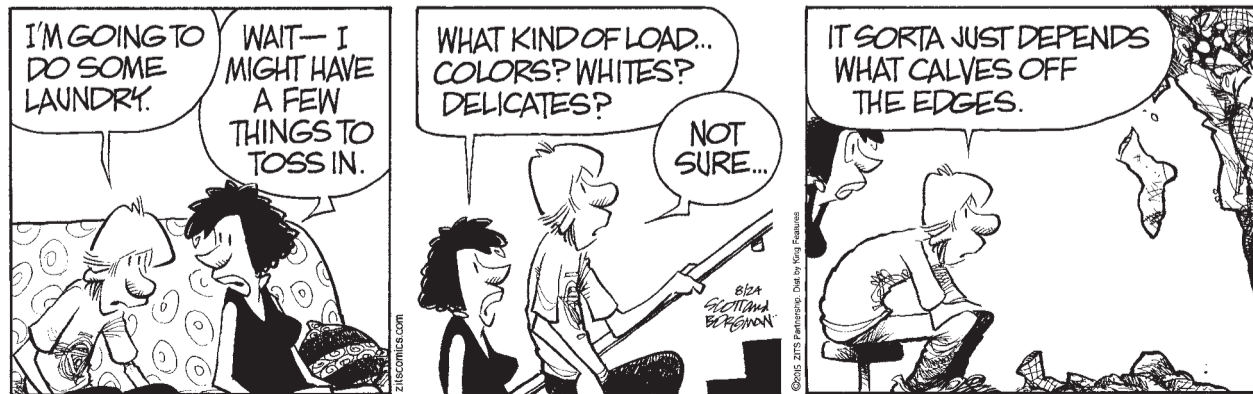
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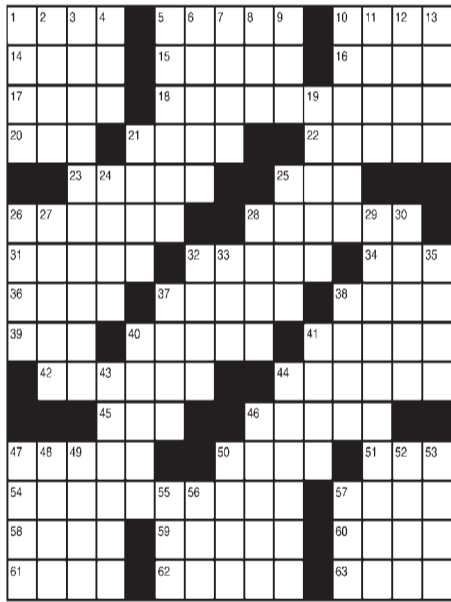
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Currency

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Brazil is contending with a corruption scandal at state-owned oil giant Petrobras. Turkey is struggling to form a government while its military battles the Islamic State extremist group and Kurdish separatists.

Adding to the pressure: America's Federal Reserve is expected, perhaps at its September meeting, to raise the short-term rate it controls from near zero. Investors could respond by moving even more money out of emerging markets to seek higher U.S. rates. That would lift the dollar higher and emerging market currencies even lower.

A Fed rate hike could also squeeze emerging market companies that have borrowed in U.S. dollars. Those companies would struggle to accumulate enough local currency to pay their now-more-expensive dollar-denominated debt.

Tran at the Institute for International Finance says dollar borrowing by emerging market companies surged from \$700 billion in 2010 to \$2 trillion through March.

The rising dollar and the hoard of dollar loans recall the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis. Back then, a currency sell-off triggered an emerging market debt crisis that became a disaster for countries such as Indonesia and South Korea. But the picture is less alarming now, analysts say. For one thing, developing countries have stockpiled foreign reserves that they can use to buy their own currencies and stop a crisis. □

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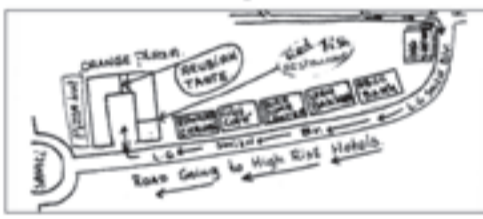
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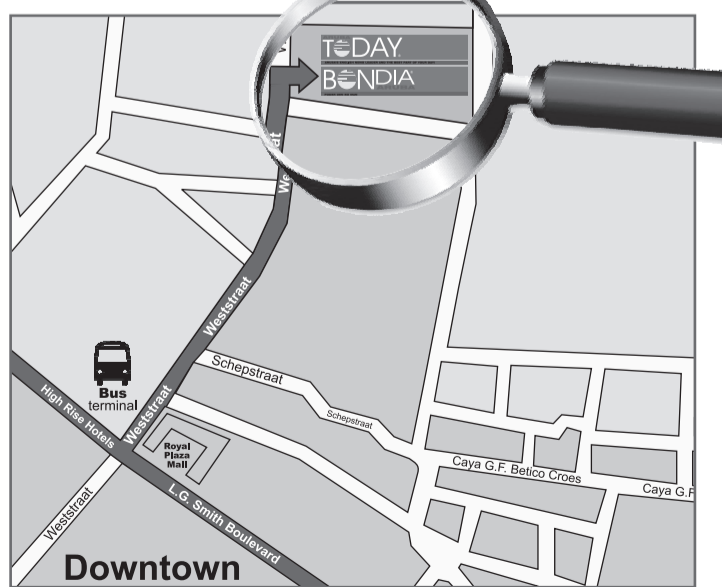
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Study: Hunting for bigger fish, game isn't sustainable

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Humans are fishing and hunting animals that are the wrong size and age, in an unsustainable way that flies in the face of nature, a new study finds.

Long-held conservation policies and traditions that tell fishermen to throw back small fry and encourage hunters to bag only the biggest trophies often hurt species instead of helping them, according to the authors of a study released Thursday by the journal *Science*.

The study compared humans to other predators to see what they killed, looking at nearly 400 species in the oceans and on every continent except Antarctica. And while other animals tend to kill the young, small and weak, humans kill the more mature animals that are in their reproductive primes. It found humans killed up to 14 times



In this Jan. 31, 2015 file photo, Bruce Gollmer of Niskayuna, N.Y., holds a northern pike he caught while ice fishing on Great Sacandaga Lake in Mayfield, N.Y. **Associated Press**

more adults than other animal predators, with the biggest differences in prey seen in how humans fish. Thanks to our tools and intelligence, humans now boast "rather unnatural, unusual predator behavior," said study lead author Chris Darimont, a conser-

vation scientist at the University of Victoria in Canada. The method is "not considering the hand of Darwin."

The ways humans hunt and fish "change the rules of the game" of evolution from survival of the fittest to survival of the smallest,

Darimont said. Humans, he said, are "super predators."

Taking bigger fish or wildlife has "remarkable short-term benefits" — for example, it makes it easier to process for food. But long term, it's a loser, Darimont said.

The collapse of the Atlan-

tic cod is a good example, Darimont said. If female cod live long enough, they are "cod-making machines." He said a fish that can grow an extra 10 percent often produces more than double the amount of eggs.

As fishermen spare smaller cod and target bigger ones, scientists have noticed that Atlantic cod population has changed to breed earlier in their lifetime, he said.

In a statement, Richard Methot, the science adviser for fish stock assessments at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said the agency uses quotas to manage overfishing that "closely examines the balance of fishery impacts on young versus old fish and designs harvest rates that allow fish and shellfish to grow to sizes that produce seafood for the nation while preserving stock and ecosystem sustainability." □

Scientists create 360-degree images of Hawaii coral reefs

CALEB JONES

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Alongside the lush and steep windward coast of the Hawaii island of Oahu a team of researchers are creating images of coral reefs that are in danger of dying because of warm ocean waters.

The researchers are taking high-definition 360-degree panoramic images of the reefs and using them to monitor and study the health of corals over time. Scientists working with the team say they are concerned about how much coral off the coast of Hawaii already is beginning to bleach, especially be-



In this Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 photo provided by XL Catlin Seaview Survey, Dr. Manuel Gonzalez-Rivero, a postdoctoral research fellow at the The University of Queensland and a member of the survey crew, uses a 360-degree underwater camera to photograph coral reefs in Kaneohe Bay off the east coast of Oahu, Hawaii. **Associated Press**

cause it's the second such event in two years.

Coral bleaching occurs when ocean water tem-

peratures rise and cause the coral to lose key nutrients, turning the normally colorful organism white. If bleaching recurs or is severe, experts say the coral will die.

Reefs off the coasts of the Hawaiian islands suffered a rare bleaching event in 2014, and experts say when corals don't have time to recover from one bleaching they are less likely to survive subsequent events.

Extensive coral bleaching is expected again this year in Hawaii because of record hot weather in the region, a strong El Nino weather pattern and what scientists call "the

blob," a large area of hot water not directly linked to El Nino that is moving westward from the United States mainland.

"Unfortunately, from now on the extra heat is going to be quite damaging, and this is where the mortality of the corals goes up," said Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, director of the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland and the research team's chief scientist. The Hawaii reef mapping is part of a larger project by the XL Catlin Seaview Survey research team to make thousands of images of reef around the world. □

Owen Wilson says his father suffers from Alzheimer's

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas-born actor Owen Wilson says that while his father having Alzheimer's disease is "a rough thing," he also knows that there are things to be grateful for, including that his father is being cared for at home and has people around who love him. "It is a rough thing," Wilson told the Dallas Morning News in his first public comment about his 74-year-old father's illness. "It's one of those things where if somebody had said 10 years ago, when my dad and I were joking around, having a putting match, that this is the position your dad's going to be in, where he basically needs 24-hour care, you'd think, 'Gosh, I won't be able to handle that. That's just not possible,'" Wilson said. The actor, who grew up in Dallas, added: "You just have to do your best to deal with it. You've got no choice but to accept it.

And then, you sort of still look for the things to be grateful for." His father, Robert A. "Bob" Wilson, is a longtime Dallas executive. He took charge of Dallas' public television affiliate, KERA, in 1967. He hired Jim Lehrer from the Dallas Times Herald and put him in charge of public affairs programming. That led to the creation of a local news program with Lehrer as host that became the forerunner of a national staple, "The News Hour With Jim Lehrer." "For me and my brothers, there just wasn't a bigger influence on us," Owen Wilson, who has starred in movies including "Wedding Crashers," told the newspaper. His brothers are actors Luke and Andrew Wilson. Owen Wilson plays a father in his new movie "No Escape," a thriller about a businessman who unwittingly transports his wife



Owen Wilson arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of "She's Funny That Way" at the Harmony Gold theater on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015.

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and two young daughters into a country where the government is being top-pled in a coup. Wilson, 46, said it's a role he couldn't have played without first becoming a father himself. He has two sons, ages 4½ and 1½. □

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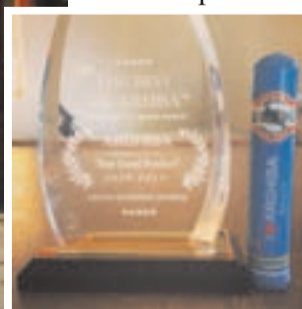
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'Compton' stays straight, again leads box office with \$26.8M

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Straight Outta Compton" easily maintained its box-office lead with an estimated \$26.8 million in ticket sales over a sleepy late summer weekend at North American multiplexes, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Universal's N.W.A biopic, a much buzzed-about hit, dominated over the late August releases that often characterize Hollywood's dog days of summer. It has now made \$111.5 million in two weeks, and continued to drive moviegoers, both male and female, despite renewed charges of misogyny in N.W.A lyrics and the film overlooking claims of Dr. Dre's abuse of women.

In a statement Friday, the rapper and producer of



This photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, Jason Mitchell, from left, as Eazy-E, Corey Hawkins as Dr. Dre, and O'Shea Jackson, Jr. as Ice Cube, in the film, iStraight Outta Compton."

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"Straight Outta Compton" said: "I apologize to the women I've hurt. I deeply regret what I did and know that it has forever impacted all of our lives."

Of the weekend's new releases, the low-budget hor-

ror sequel "Sinister 2" fared best, opening with an estimated \$10.6 million for the Blumhouse production — well below the \$18 million the 2012 original debuted with. The result was good enough for third place, be-

hind Paramount's "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation," which made \$11.7 million in its fourth weekend of release.

Fox's assassin thriller "Hitman: Agent 47," the second attempt in eight years to adapt the popular video game, disappointed with \$8.2 million. It will hope to do better abroad, where the 2007 original made \$60.3 million. It began with \$8.5 million over the week-

end internationally.

Lionsgate's stoner action-comedy "American Ultra," starring Kristen Stewart and Jesse Eisenberg, also failed to spark much interest, opening with \$5.5 million. The three new releases — all violent, R-rated, poorly reviewed options — divided up a similar audience. The box office was down 7.5 percent from the same weekend last year, according to box-office data firm Rentrak.

Without a much-anticipated release scheduled over the next two weeks, the lull is likely to continue through Labor Day weekend.

In limited release, Sony Pictures Classics "Grandma," a well-reviewed comedy starring Lily Tomlin, opened on four screens with a strong per-screen average of \$30,214.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. □

Racy fan photos spur security for Nicki Minaj wax figure

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A wax figure of rapper Nicki Minaj at a Las Vegas museum is getting more security to keep away inappropriate visitors.

Madame Tussauds Las Vegas said in a statement Friday that employees will closely monitor the figure after images of visitors in sexual poses with the statue began appearing on social media.

The set around the statue will also undergo a redesign so similar pictures can't be taken.

The museum says it became aware Tuesday of at least one image online.

The statue depicts Minaj in a pose from her "Anaconda" music video.



In this June 28, 2015 file photo, Nicki Minaj, winner of viewers choice and best female hip hop artist awards, poses in the press room at the BET Awards at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

The Madame Tussauds museum chain is known for life-size wax replicas of celebrities that guests can interact with.

Minaj has not commented, but she recently shared Instagram photos of fans posing suggestively with the figure. □

New Paul Thomas Anderson film set for New York Film Festival



In this Jan. 12, 2013 file photo, Paul Thomas Anderson attends the LA Film Critics Association Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Filmmaker Paul Thomas Anderson will debut a "one-of-a-kind sonic experience" at the 53rd New York Film Festival.

The director and his long-

time collaborator, Radiohead member Jonny Greenwood, made the film during a trip to northwest India. "Junun" documents Greenwood recording an album at the 15th-century Mehrangarh Fort with Israeli composer Shye Ben Tzur.

The 54-minute movie will premiere at the festival, which runs Sept. 25 to Oct. 11, the Film Society of Lincoln Center said Friday.

The festival also will feature the North American premiere of Noah Baumbach and Jake Paltrow's Brian De Palma career retrospective documentary "De Palma," a revival screening of De Palma's classic "Blow Out," and an anniversary screening of Joel and Ethan Coen's "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" □



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